

## Reading and prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone

James 2:14 -24

Lord God, you have given us the gift of faith; a tiny seed to grow, mature and blossom. We give thanks for every good gift you give, each experience which teaches us more of you and for the opportunities which put our faith into action. Let us each have eyes to see the work and deeds which are ours to do and hearts that willingly turn our hands to do them. May you be glorified both in our faith and in our deeds for you are the author of them both. Amen

